

## REPORT FROM THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

### Church Repairs—Active Work. Mr. Southgate.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South meets the first Friday afternoon in every month at half-past three o'clock in the Hill Street Church. They have fifty paying members and twenty life members. Since the first of March they have raised sixty dollars. By the middle of December the ladies this church hope to have in a new pipe organ and the walls of the building frescoed. They have made money by supplying a dining hall at the Fair and this source of revenue added to smaller endeavors, has furnished the necessary amount for these improvements.

The Rev. E. S. Southgate is a godly man of the old school, and is ready for every good word and work. He has organized a class meeting and has adopted the old way of instituting fasting and prayer before the sacrament. With him as our leader we hope to see the walls of Satan tremble and that there may soon be added to our number such as shall be saved. J.

The religious census of the country is about completed by the Independent, whose editor, Dr. Carroll, was appointed by the Government to secure these statistics. He reports 103,300 preachers, 151,261 churches, 22,000,000 members. The Methodists lead, with 4,980,000 communicants. Others are as follows: Roman Catholics, 4,676,000; Baptists, 4,292,000; Presbyterians, 1,229,000; Lutherans, 1,086,000; Congregationalists, 491,000; Episcopalians, 480,000. Dr. Carroll says of this exhibit: "It is in itself a most overwhelming refutation of the assertions we hear now and then from certain quarters that Christianity is losing its hold upon our people, and that our churches are declining."

When Edison had given two weeks of his valuable time to going up and down the New York elevated railroad, trying to discover what caused its noise, and a cure for it, he gave up the task. Then a little woman took it. She rode on the cars three days, was denied a place on the rear platform, laughed at for her curiosity, and politely snubbed by conductors and passengers. But she discovered what caused the noise and invented a remedy, which was patented, and she was paid the sum of \$10,000 and a royalty forever. Her name is Mrs. Mary Walton, and she lives in New York City.

Miss Sallie Holley, a Virginian, believing that self-help is the only solution of "the Negro problem," is establishing small schools throughout Virginia, where Negro girls may learn in one year to read, write and make correct change. From newspapers they are expected to glean sufficient geography, history and spelling for their limited needs, while sewing, darning and patching, dressmaking, millinery and cooking complete the curriculum. Every girl taught here is expected to be a missionary of the gospel of intelligent industry among her race.

Send delicacies to the Infirmary patients.

The Christian Church Women's Board of Missions report this year's receipts as \$36,516.81; the General Convention receipts, \$51,286.84 (which includes \$15,620.19 Church Extension receipts), and the Foreign Mission Society receipts were \$67,750.49. The General Convention appointed a standing committee on Christian Unity, and created a new board to be known as the Board of Negro Evangelization and Education, five of whom shall reside in or near Louisville, Ky.

The M. E. Church South organized a Board of Church Extension in Louisville, in 1882, with James S. Lithgow, of that city, as its first President, and since its organization has collected over \$430,000, and 1,900 churches and parsonages have been built. These churches have been built in new towns. The Methodists of the United States have built 8,600 churches in the past twelve months.

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One cause assigned by several physicians and druggists for the increasing number of victims to the habit is the use of antipyrine. A great number of young women especially female clerks, take antipyrine in such quantities that it finally loses its restorative power. They then resort to morphine.

Elizabeth Comstock, the Quaker preacher, now aged and infirm, living at Union Springs, N. Y., has in her lifetime visited 122,000 prisoners, 195,000 sick and wounded soldiers, 85,000 inmates of poor-houses and almshouses on both sides of the water.

#### Died.

On the 24th of November, "Father Morgan," whose terrible affliction, cancer of the face, made him an object of special sympathy while at the Infirmary. He was laid to rest next day with every attention that Christian friends could show.

The average length of life is greater in Norway than in any other country of Europe. This is attributed to the fact that the temperature is so generally uniform, and it is cool throughout the year.

#### Donations

The Thanksgiving donations to the Home of the Friendless, were most liberal, and composed all the provisions of the well-filled larder.

#### Grocer and Saloonist.

One of our contemporaries is struggling with the question why some men cheerfully pay five cents for a glass of whisky, but regard five cents as an outrageous price for a newspaper, which, published at great expense and labor, gives him the history of the world for a day. It really seems as if the willingness to pay is in inverse proportion to the usefulness and permanence of the article obtained. The liquor seller not only gets high prices without grumbling, but he is paid in cash, while the grocer, the baker and tailor are beaten down to the last cent, and have to wait long and sometimes in vain for their pay.—Toronto Globe.

#### Beer in Germany.

Germany's own papers and statistics refute the claim that little drunkenness exists in that beer loving country. The following is a current item from the German press: "Germany annually spends 430,000,000 marks for its army, but not much less for alcoholic drinks, which cost 406,000,000 marks. Statistics show that the intemperate class furnishes 85 per cent. of all the poor and 75 per cent. of all the criminals."—Junior.

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#### All for Fun.

The liquor men spent \$1,000,000 in Pennsylvania to defeat Prohibition. This of course was all done for fun. No one would suppose that they were afraid of Prohibition, because it doesn't prohibit, you know. This money was paid mostly to Democratic and Republican newspapers, as much as \$4,000 being paid to a single daily to deceive its own subscribers.

#### Fact vs. Theory.

At Clarinda, Ia., under a \$500 license law, a tax of 1 per cent. was called for to pay the running expenses of the town, and at the end of the year the town was in debt. Under Prohibition a tax of 4 per cent. was paid, and at the end of the year there was a surplus in the treasury. One fact like the above is worth columns of theorizing.

#### Reform at the Top.

If the liquor traffic is to go on debauching the masses till it shall have made them all either fools or fiends, the fortunes that are built on the crusts above the volcano will be swallowed up by such an upheaval as will make the French revolution pale into insignificance. All who pray, all who preach, all who teach and all who care for temperance need to unite, heart and voice and influence, for a total abstinence revival which shall sweep through the palace as well as the cabin, and make possible the legislation we need, which is nothing less than the demand of our national Prohibition platform, "to prohibit the importation, exportation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage." If we are to suppress the saloon at the bottom, we need to smash the champagne bottle at the top.

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